Shifting of Regional Office of UGC from Hyderabad

1036. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to shift the existing Regional Office of the University Grants Commission from Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken to retain the office, in view of thousands of colleges in the State which have easy accessibility in the UGC office, in view of its location at Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission will not shift the Southern Regional Office from Hyderabad if the State Government agrees to provide the physical facilities agreed to by it earlier.

Rules Governing Deputation and Appointments in KVS

†1037. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the posts in KVS and NVS for the appointments and deputation to which there is a provision requiring approval of Appointments Sub-Committee of the Cabinet;

(b) whether these provisions are different from the provisions related to appointments and deputations in departments and Ministries of the Government of India;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the tenure of deputation of certain officers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has been extended; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL):

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(a) to (c) Commissioner Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Director and General Manager (Construction) in Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) are appointed with the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet as per their Recruitment Rules which are not exactly similar to the equivalent posts in Government of India.

(d) and (e) Out of the three posts mentioned above the terms of the present Director, NVS was extended on two occasions from 12.4.98 to 30.9.99 and for one year beyond 30th September, 1999.

Target for hundred per cent literacy

1038. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for hundred per cent literacy;

(b) whether adequate budget would be provided to achieve the target; and

(c) the reasons for proposing to make education a fundamental right?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) The National Literacy Mission aims at imparting functional literacy to 100 million adult non-literates in the age group of 15-35 years in a time-bound manner; and adequate budget provision has been made.

(c) Though the Hon'ble Supreme Court's ruling in the Unni Krishnan case has already made education of children upto 14 years a fundamental right, the amendment of the Constitution would make it an obligation of State to provide free and compulsory education, and demonstrate necessary political will and administrative resolve of the country to achieve universalisation of elementary education and to eradicate illiteracy.

Annual Rate of Literacy Growth

1039. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the annual rate of literacy growth in the country; and

(b) the steps taken to touch 100 per cent literacy in the country within a decade?